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For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND
METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,



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